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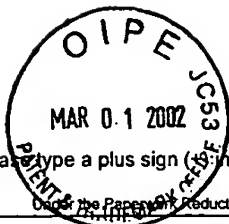
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Reference AL (WO 96/04954 A1) on the attached Form PTO-1449, is written in German. Accordingly, the Examiners attention is respectfully directed to Section (57) which sets forth an English language Abstract on the front cover of this published PCT application. Applicant respectfully submit that the English Abstract provides an explanation to the reference's relevance.

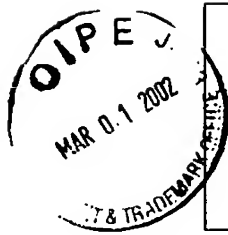
Reference AN (FR 2625897) on the attached Form PTO-1449, is written in French. Accordingly, a corresponding English language abstract is submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully submit that the English Abstract provides an explanation to the reference's relevance.



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